

Emergency Management

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The mission of USACE is to fully prepare for and effectively respond to natural and national emergencies under the Department of Defense (DOD) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Under the Stafford Act and Federal Response Plan, USACE is the Emergency Support Function #3 (Public Works & Engineering) lead element for the Federal Government.

USACE also has a Flood Damage Reduction Mission with Flood Control and Coastal Emergency (FCCE) Management Funds under Public Law 84-99. The FCCE activities average expenditures of approximately \$75 million per year.

Examples of activities requiring USACE Emergency Management expertise over the last 10 years were:

Hurricane Andrew '92 Midwest Floods '93 Northridge Earthquake '94 Hurricane Marilyn '95 Oklahoma City Bombing '95 Hurricane Fran '96 California Floods '97 Ohio River Flood '97 Red River of North Flood '97 Lower Miss. Flood '97 Hurricane Georges '98 Hurricane Floyd '99 Los Alamos Fires '00 Nisqually Earthquake '01 Houston Floods '01 West Virginia Floods '01 World Trade Center/Pentagon '01 As USACE provides federal support to these emergencies, typical activities and mission assignments involve:

- Ice
- Water for drinking
- Emergency Power
- Temporary Roofing
- Temporary Housing
- Technical Assistance
- Debris Clearance and Removal

The World Trade Center (WTC) and Pentagon Bombings of September 11, 2001 illustrate the types of Support the Corps provides the nation under the ESF #3 Functions in support of FEMA:

- USACE Mobile Command Center & Teams support to NYFD
- Developed debris management plan
- Technical Specialists to monitor unstable buildings/support and urban search and rescue

The Corps emergency management philosophy is to be prepared to respond to any contingency as part of the Federal Response team. We take great pride in both our planning for and our actual execution of plans whenever a disaster strikes.

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